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SUBJECT: SOVIET RESPONSE TO ICJ NOMINATION DEMARCHE

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1. EMBOFF CALLED ON SOVIET MFA'S CHIEF, UN SECTION, TREATY AND LEGAL DEPARTMENT, B. G. MAYORSKIY, ON SEPTEMBER 12 AT LATTER'S REQUEST TO DISCUSS ICJ NOMINATIONS. MAYORSKIY SAID USSR WILL SUPPORT ICJ NOMINEE RICHARD BAXTER "ON THE UNDERSTANDING" THE U.S. WILL SUPPORT THE SOVIET CANDIDATE, P. D. MAROZOV.

2. MAYORSKIY SAID THAT THE USSR NATIONAL GROUP HAS CONSIDERED THE QUESTION OF NOMINATING BAXTER AND CONCLUDED THAT THE SOVIET UNION SHOULD LIMIT ITS NOMINATIONS TO JUDGE MAROZOV, A SOVIET CITIZEN. NORMALLY, HE STRESSED, THE USSR NATIONAL GROUP DOES NOT NOMINATE NON-SOVIET CITIZENS. THE "CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS" FROM OTHER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING SRI LANKA (WHICH HAS BEEN "VERY AGGRESSIVE," HE SAID) HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE SOVIET NATIONAL
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GROUP'S RELUCTANCE TO NOMINATE AN ADDITIONAL CANDIDATE. MAYORSKIY EMPHASIZED THAT THE SOVIET NATIONAL GROUP'S DECISION WAS STRICTLY RELATED TO THESE FACTORS AND HAD NO RELATIONSHIP TO BAXTER'S PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS.

3. MAYORSKIY ASKED THAT ANY FURTHER DEMARCHES ON

ICJ NOMINATIONS BE MADE TO THE SOVIET UN MISSION
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